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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2000

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown in this report represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
(January, February and March 2000 dated December 1, 2000)
- CA 237 CalWORKs - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(January 2000 dated May 9, 2000; February 2000 dated June 23, 2000; and March 2000 dated July 11, 2000)
- CA 237 FC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(January dated May 10, 2000; February dated May 17, 2000; and March 2000 dated June 22, 2000)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
(January 2000, February 2000 and March 2000 dated October 13, 2000)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

January – March 2000

Investigation Requests

- 58,700 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 19,567 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.8% of the 688,036 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2000).
- 57,537 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 58,700 investigation requests received.
 - 35,159 (61%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 10,078 (18%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 7,567 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 4,733 (8%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
- 141,628 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 84,091 (59%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 1999).
 - 57,537 (41%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 55,878 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 39% of the 141,628 total investigations available.
 - 22,095 (40%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 33,783 (60%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 55,878 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 11,550 (21%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 6,621 (12%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,067 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,913 (3%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,725 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 1,208 (2%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 371 (0.66%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 55,878 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,353 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,709 (74%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 1999).
 - 1,644 (26%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,353 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,523 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 24% of the available prosecution referrals.
 - 1,366 **convictions** were obtained. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$10,663,192 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,966,417 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2000

Investigation Requests

- 79,166 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 26,389 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 4% of the 705,805 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2000).
- 77,937 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 79,166 investigation requests received.
 - 47,844 (62%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 10,058 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 15,079 (19%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 4,956 (6%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
- 171,873 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 93,936 (55%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 1999).
 - 77,937 (45%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 75,247 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 44% of the 171,873 total investigations available.
 - 29,329 (39%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 45,918 (61%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 75,247 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 15,825 (21%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 8,628 (11%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,362 (4%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,498 (3%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,990 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 1,018 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 428 (0.57%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 75,247 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,300 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,394 (70%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 1999).
 - 1,906 (30%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.

Of the 6,300 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,

- 1,671 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 27% of the available prosecution referrals.
- 1,395 **convictions** were obtained. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$9,069,123 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,479,718 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January - March 2000**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	30	17	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador	✓			
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte	✓			
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern	✓			
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera	✓			
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced			✓	
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin			✓	
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January - March 2000

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	688,036	58,700	57,537	55,878	22,095	33,783	85,894
Alameda	27,022	1,432	1,432	1,421	837	584	5,366
Alpine	31	4	4	3	1	2	0
Amador	339	118	118	63	10	53	123
Butte	6,184	431	384	359	163	196	2,113
Calaveras	692	235	235	235	71	164	2
Colusa	266	82	82	109	1	108	110
Contra Costa	12,430	658	631	659	432	227	1,047
Del Norte	1,061	53	53	62	31	31	32
El Dorado	1,426	201	201	192	84	108	355
Fresno	28,651	1,653	1,442	1,930	893	1,037	6,942
Glenn	661	267	267	287	46	241	95
Humboldt	3,125	167	165	120	59	61	233
Imperial	5,356	269	257	242	201	41	295
Inyo	288	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kern	21,201	2,435	2,416	2,477	897	1,580	309
Kings	2,758	747	747	675	188	487	574
Lake	2,175	89	89	153	68	85	54
Lassen	700	35	35	38	5	33	58
Los Angeles	261,680	16,838	16,785	15,319	4,793	10,526	28,246
Madera	3,605	456	456	641	74	567	457
Marin	1,072	62	62	48	30	18	185
Mariposa	273	28	28	19	0	19	109
Mendocino	2,534	141	140	135	40	95	295
Merced	7,023	702	702	829	203	626	503
Modoc	273	12	12	9	7	2	11
Mono	82	0	0	0	0	0	3
Monterey	5,841	433	428	278	90	188	1,899
Napa	768	35	35	55	28	27	246
Nevada	762	36	30	36	12	24	48
Orange	24,803	2,369	2,359	2,383	1,305	1,078	2,982
Placer	1,935	95	95	80	42	38	242
Plumas	363	48	48	54	37	17	7
Riverside	27,293	7,307	7,304	7,379	4,107	3,272	838
Sacramento	39,613	1,829	1,768	2,130	769	1,361	4,976
San Benito	583	46	46	60	26	34	34
San Bernardino	45,699	4,646	4,612	3,740	962	2,778	8,198
San Diego	38,772	6,005	5,421	5,403	1,942	3,461	2,269
San Francisco	9,267	630	630	463	251	212	1,566
San Joaquin	16,795	260	260	304	159	145	318
San Luis Obispo	2,282	148	136	163	109	54	140
San Mateo	2,520	204	204	238	132	106	18
Santa Barbara	5,425	210	210	215	80	135	246
Santa Clara	15,663	446	446	247	226	21	5,728
Santa Cruz	2,454	657	651	680	162	518	87
Shasta	4,831	394	394	377	204	173	775
Sierra	56	0	0	0	0	0	1
Siskiyou	1,169	236	236	226	115	111	55
Solano	6,118	1,250	1,200	1,093	569	524	1,972
Sonoma	3,465	227	221	258	142	116	1,689
Stanislaus	10,524	822	818	791	478	313	798
Sutter	1,694	260	260	281	123	158	106
Tehama	1,616	97	97	41	0	41	561
Trinity	350	56	56	45	28	17	22
Tulare	13,090	1,762	1,752	1,772	400	1,372	1,904
Tuolumne	972	165	165	188	63	125	173
Ventura	6,788	158	158	163	61	102	163
Yolo	3,073	290	290	229	96	133	269
Yuba	2,542	464	464	481	243	238	44

a/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 CalWORKs) was changed to collect families data from Two-Parent Families, Zero Parent Families and All Other Families. Foster Care caseload data from the CA 237 FC is also included. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2000 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 January 2000 Item 4, was 84,091.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January - March 2000

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	35,159	10,078	4,733	2,263	1,435	887	2,982
Alameda	454	455	191	92	27	23	190
Alpine	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	32	24	36	2	5	19
Butte	75	8	109	60	10	5	117
Calaveras	184	3	21	13	3	2	9
Colusa	71	0	4	5	0	0	2
Contra Costa	257	154	15	40	0	8	157
Del Norte	8	0	19	2	13	0	11
El Dorado	20	31	54	36	15	7	38
Fresno	538	328	162	316	14	1	83
Glenn	94	9	52	53	23	9	27
Humboldt	68	8	49	11	0	2	27
Imperial	133	4	52	23	30	8	7
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,390	18	351	99	42	22	494
Kings	577	0	68	39	15	17	31
Lake	8	0	49	6	21	1	4
Lassen	0	4	15	2	7	6	1
Los Angeles	9,631	6,001	181	109	0	506	357
Madera	315	30	66	20	11	1	13
Marin	4	36	6	6	1	1	8
Mariposa	14	4	3	1	0	1	5
Mendocino	10	59	42	19	6	1	3
Merced	418	59	101	39	7	11	67
Modoc	8	0	2	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	154	28	90	23	41	3	89
Napa	3	0	14	1	3	1	13
Nevada	8	0	9	4	4	4	1
Orange	2,102	55	73	87	1	2	39
Placer	26	8	28	13	7	2	11
Plumas	12	15	7	4	3	2	5
Riverside	6,775	235	91	61	6	7	129
Sacramento	1,023	460	86	27	21	11	140
San Benito	17	8	7	5	1	0	8
San Bernardino	1,646	132	1,432	259	851	115	177
San Diego	4,584	497	107	114	43	9	67
San Francisco	226	244	14	67	2	1	76
San Joaquin	170	15	32	14	0	9	20
San Luis Obispo	38	12	47	19	2	1	17
San Mateo	27	2	35	48	2	2	88
Santa Barbara	49	6	45	34	10	6	60
Santa Clara	147	102	84	69	7	3	34
Santa Cruz	330	275	11	14	3	8	10
Shasta	282	27	52	17	4	2	10
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	117	0	37	10	50	13	9
Solano	691	190	136	68	37	15	63
Sonoma	80	52	28	12	1	2	46
Stanislaus	128	254	317	42	38	4	35
Sutter	173	7	33	28	4	5	10
Tehama	19	5	16	40	3	8	6
Trinity	20	9	12	9	2	2	2
Tulare	1,415	117	118	54	6	3	39
Tuolumne	123	14	16	4	2	1	5
Ventura	144	1	3	3	0	0	7
Yolo	135	20	60	24	13	4	34
Yuba	214	45	57	61	20	5	62

a/ "Other" includes Homeless Assistance, Duplicate Warrants, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Internal Affairs, Child Care, Drug Felon, Fleeing Felon, Probation/Parole Violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January - March 2000

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	11,550	1,725	371	6,621	1,913	3,067	1,208
Alameda	299	299	0	228	0	11	116
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	1	0	2	5	0	0
Butte	75	24	0	3	59	2	15
Calaveras	55	0	0	2	12	1	0
Colusa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	51	63	23	117	0	178	0
Del Norte	0	1	0	3	18	9	0
El Dorado	3	4	0	0	16	61	0
Fresno	235	124	135	344	41	14	256
Glenn	12	5	0	11	9	9	1
Humboldt	12	14	0	33	20	8	0
Imperial	17	3	0	3	20	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	392	30	27	76	203	169	3
Kings	145	13	0	6	16	8	13
Lake	20	0	0	10	28	15	0
Lassen	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Los Angeles	2,052	167	0	3,111	26	1,464	0
Madera	8	5	0	18	39	4	0
Marin	2	2	0	15	17	7	3
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	0	0	30	1	7	7
Merced	64	48	0	48	106	4	0
Modoc	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	57	5	0	4	0	24	1
Napa	3	6	0	2	5	13	0
Nevada	6	1	0	4	1	0	0
Orange	732	69	16	214	363	262	35
Placer	9	13	0	7	11	2	0
Plumas	5	0	0	18	4	10	0
Riverside	3,776	102	0	173	1	55	1
Sacramento	384	45	0	223	104	13	667
San Benito	6	7	0	6	7	0	5
San Bernardino	283	83	7	193	290	221	0
San Diego	1,200	77	113	654	87	83	0
San Francisco	87	74	0	56	23	0	1
San Joaquin	95	53	0	2	11	12	1
San Luis Obispo	37	10	0	17	40	6	9
San Mateo	31	8	0	46	41	6	0
Santa Barbara	17	9	0	30	22	13	0
Santa Clara	59	92	0	84	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	114	13	0	26	9	0	1
Shasta	106	16	0	4	3	75	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	17	0	0	28	35	35	0
Solano	334	73	0	103	3	56	5
Sonoma	92	10	25	131	26	50	19
Stanislaus	76	48	25	341	125	44	0
Sutter	56	7	0	24	14	32	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	8	0	0	3	4	13	0
Tulare	307	29	0	62	0	2	25
Tuolumne	30	2	0	11	17	7	0
Ventura	61	0	0	0	0	0	22
Yolo	27	23	0	11	19	33	0
Yuba	80	46	0	84	11	22	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January - March 2000

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,644	6,353	1,523	166
Alameda	299	463	217	11
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	24	0	0
Butte	28	142	8	0
Calaveras	0	6	0	0
Colusa	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	28	79	27	8
Del Norte	0	30	0	0
El Dorado	5	5	5	0
Fresno	124	207	127	1
Glenn	4	7	4	1
Humboldt	18	20	14	0
Imperial	6	42	13	7
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	30	132	59	11
Kings	13	36	8	2
Lake	0	125	1	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	167	516	206	11
Madera	5	5	5	0
Marin	2	3	2	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	0	29	0	0
Merced	48	444	39	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	3	1	0
Monterey	5	27	3	1
Napa	6	51	7	0
Nevada	1	1	0	0
Orange	75	99	55	1
Placer	13	137	9	0
Plumas	0	14	0	0
Riverside	91	111	99	1
Sacramento	45	366	38	12
San Benito	4	5	0	4
San Bernardino	83	511	111	0
San Diego	69	730	115	0
San Francisco	74	169	4	71
San Joaquin	53	74	26	8
San Luis Obispo	10	10	10	0
San Mateo	8	46	8	0
Santa Barbara	11	11	11	0
Santa Clara	92	1,013	78	0
Santa Cruz	13	13	13	0
Shasta	16	29	21	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	73	373	58	2
Sonoma	10	30	17	1
Stanislaus	48	48	48	0
Sutter	2	2	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	41	19	1
Tuolumne	1	8	1	0
Ventura	0	8	2	0
Yolo	23	23	23	0
Yuba	10	79	8	12

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2000 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2000's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2000

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,366	87	224	156	167	1	50	81
Alameda	161	0	161	0	71	0	11	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Contra Costa	35	0	0	34	2	0	8	59
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Fresno	72	2	0	0	5	0	0	0
Glenn	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	45	0	0	0	1	0	6	14
Kings	11	0	0	0	4	0	1	1
Lake	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	135	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Madera	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Merced	33	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	5	10	0	0	0
Napa	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Orange	120	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	11	0	6	0	0	0	0	1
Plumas	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	100	0	0	101	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	49	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Benito	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	83	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	133	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
San Francisco	6	67	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Joaquin	44	1	0	0	5	0	9	0
San Luis Obispo	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	15	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	19	0	0	0	10	0	3	0
Shasta	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	21	0	0	0	5	0	2	3
Sonoma	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	40	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Sutter	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	4	0	44	7	8	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
January - March 2000

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$10,663,192	\$6,966,417
Alameda	2,330,853	123,912
Alpine	0	600
Amador	138	135
Butte	53,310	24,937
Calaveras	1,965	806
Colusa	1,050	49
Contra Costa	197,342	72,488
Del Norte	12,383	5,694
El Dorado	24,326	35,449
Fresno	300,470	239,757
Glenn	22,506	11,792
Humboldt	44,110	12,979
Imperial	6,493	5,959
Inyo	0	1,243
Kern	691,718	177,676
Kings	106,615	82,938
Lake	254	5,052
Lassen	2,132	5,410
Los Angeles	1,320,883	2,065,371
Madera	47,083	38,106
Marin	24,601	35,050
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	49,086	15,084
Merced	65,306	11,905
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	19,853	70,328
Napa	18,827	7,527
Nevada	6,031	19,790
Orange	659,555	251,960
Placer	25,599	66,785
Plumas	2,632	3,328
Riverside	278,709	322,886
Sacramento	808,897	515,367
San Benito	10,774	28,296
San Bernardino	367,510	375,916
San Diego	717,097	654,818
San Francisco	176,173	314,743
San Joaquin	252,204	47,890
San Luis Obispo	61,456	6,083
San Mateo	109,278	3,952
Santa Barbara	41,556	78,800
Santa Clara	526,172	433,438
Santa Cruz	44,252	65,761
Shasta	43,269	11,896
Sierra	538	824
Siskiyou	13,325	13,500
Solano	382,460	115,695
Sonoma	145,136	167,763
Stanislaus	380,542	139,478
Sutter	19,245	3,582
Tehama	0	2,848
Trinity	1,581	2,680
Tulare	142,309	0
Tuolumne	9,003	5,142
Ventura	0	153,023
Yolo	40,691	62,775
Yuba	55,894	47,151

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January - March 2000

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	705,805	79,166	77,937	75,247	29,329	45,918	96,829
Alameda	25,822	1,777	1,777	1,710	1,076	634	2,842
Alpine	27	9	9	5	1	4	0
Amador	288	125	125	63	9	54	130
Butte	5,036	396	348	343	152	191	2,146
Calaveras	814	404	404	404	130	274	4
Colusa	331	218	218	317	1	316	167
Contra Costa	10,510	915	889	884	570	314	1,157
Del Norte	1,281	89	89	101	52	49	41
El Dorado	1,583	271	271	258	113	145	432
Fresno	24,550	1,824	1,598	1,605	993	612	3,376
Glenn	766	416	416	463	72	391	131
Humboldt	4,161	260	259	205	85	120	264
Imperial	5,183	276	263	250	207	43	307
Inyo	494	9	9	13	6	7	5
Kern	19,554	2,926	2,906	3,009	1,116	1,893	264
Kings	3,905	1,205	1,205	1,091	304	787	780
Lake	2,502	88	88	149	61	88	73
Lassen	773	47	47	45	6	39	69
Los Angeles	277,932	26,535	26,460	24,880	6,520	18,360	38,564
Madera	4,538	711	711	924	107	817	546
Marin	1,635	109	109	87	47	40	212
Mariposa	356	43	43	27	0	27	143
Mendocino	2,816	172	171	170	52	118	326
Merced	7,948	990	990	1,171	285	886	409
Modoc	370	19	19	16	11	5	14
Mono	95	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6,680	426	421	264	89	175	1,609
Napa	948	78	78	71	34	37	317
Nevada	930	51	43	53	22	31	76
Orange	25,504	2,760	2,749	2,852	1,787	1,065	3,023
Placer	1,900	116	116	103	54	49	278
Plumas	338	62	62	79	52	27	11
Riverside	23,138	10,794	10,790	10,869	6,174	4,695	886
Sacramento	37,446	1,897	1,834	1,952	706	1,246	5,279
San Benito	731	45	45	61	29	32	45
San Bernardino	46,316	5,389	5,356	4,270	1,142	3,128	9,427
San Diego	34,225	5,703	5,101	5,059	2,115	2,944	2,545
San Francisco	14,153	1,644	1,644	1,264	805	459	3,046
San Joaquin	16,407	235	235	272	155	117	319
San Luis Obispo	2,775	213	201	218	141	77	208
San Mateo	2,300	296	296	273	130	143	86
Santa Barbara	5,827	257	257	270	101	169	244
Santa Clara	15,816	439	439	263	246	17	6,380
Santa Cruz	3,053	1,180	1,172	1,206	278	928	110
Shasta	5,971	465	465	457	253	204	885
Sierra	75	0	0	0	0	0	1
Siskiyou	1,515	447	447	441	214	227	86
Solano	5,884	1,463	1,413	1,379	627	752	2,506
Sonoma	3,808	263	259	288	156	132	2,200
Stanislaus	11,637	1,030	1,025	1,088	688	400	1,187
Sutter	1,794	401	401	420	179	241	116
Tehama	1,928	97	97	41	0	41	479
Trinity	390	70	70	51	31	20	46
Tulare	15,400	1,920	1,907	1,944	485	1,459	1,941
Tuolumne	1,127	225	225	267	86	181	209
Ventura	8,651	271	270	257	111	146	490
Yolo	3,031	472	472	387	150	237	342
Yuba	2,838	623	623	638	313	325	50

a/ Data is the monthly average of the October-December 1999 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2000 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 January 2000 Item 4 was 95,055.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January - March 2000

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	47,844	15,079	4,956	2,741	1,675	1,135	4,507
Alameda	533	557	160	130	33	20	344
Alpine	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	37	25	37	2	5	19
Butte	84	8	117	62	14	4	59
Calaveras	344	3	25	18	3	2	9
Colusa	187	1	5	8	0	1	16
Contra Costa	316	212	28	47	0	9	277
Del Norte	18	0	21	6	24	0	20
El Dorado	29	45	70	46	24	12	45
Fresno	611	367	166	341	15	0	98
Glenn	195	7	60	65	36	10	43
Humboldt	68	8	74	16	3	1	89
Imperial	137	5	53	24	30	8	6
Inyo	1	2	1	3	2	0	0
Kern	1,436	20	368	104	45	22	911
Kings	963	7	71	52	23	31	58
Lake	7	0	41	10	22	3	5
Lassen	1	4	17	4	12	8	1
Los Angeles	15,202	9,650	193	249	0	690	476
Madera	555	43	68	20	12	2	11
Marin	8	49	8	7	1	1	35
Mariposa	25	6	3	2	1	2	4
Mendocino	13	72	44	27	7	1	7
Merced	692	81	106	48	10	7	46
Modoc	13	0	2	2	1	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	148	33	87	21	37	5	90
Napa	5	0	16	10	4	1	42
Nevada	15	0	8	7	5	5	3
Orange	2,520	67	69	84	1	2	6
Placer	35	9	32	15	9	2	14
Plumas	22	15	9	5	3	3	5
Riverside	10,245	277	94	68	6	7	93
Sacramento	1,091	547	88	29	22	12	45
San Benito	21	9	7	6	1	0	1
San Bernardino	1,960	142	1,582	288	958	135	291
San Diego	4,172	599	97	120	43	9	61
San Francisco	366	536	15	151	13	2	561
San Joaquin	163	14	30	16	0	6	6
San Luis Obispo	49	20	57	26	4	3	42
San Mateo	29	3	27	47	3	3	184
Santa Barbara	65	9	47	39	13	10	74
Santa Clara	117	132	77	75	4	3	31
Santa Cruz	688	428	15	14	9	7	11
Shasta	343	32	53	21	5	2	9
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	293	0	36	10	71	20	17
Solano	956	248	93	50	25	16	25
Sonoma	85	70	26	12	1	5	60
Stanislaus	157	406	321	47	45	5	44
Sutter	295	7	31	35	5	5	23
Tehama	19	5	16	40	3	8	6
Trinity	28	11	13	11	1	3	3
Tulare	1,453	189	134	62	8	3	58
Tuolumne	178	14	17	5	4	1	6
Ventura	238	0	10	12	4	0	6
Yolo	294	22	64	25	14	5	48
Yuba	347	51	59	62	34	7	63

a/ "Other" includes Replaced Lost Food Stamps, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Food Stamp Trafficking, Internal Affairs, Child Care, Drug Felon, Fleeing Felon, Probation/Parole Violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January - March 2000

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	15,825	1,990	428	8,628	2,498	3,362	1,018
Alameda	423	367	0	265	12	9	104
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	1	0	0	6	0	0
Butte	65	26	0	3	57	1	17
Calaveras	111	0	0	6	11	1	0
Colusa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	76	65	21	166	0	242	2
Del Norte	6	1	0	3	26	16	0
El Dorado	6	4	0	0	18	85	0
Fresno	274	121	144	395	45	14	52
Glenn	29	6	0	16	10	11	1
Humboldt	18	14	0	41	35	10	0
Imperial	17	3	0	3	22	4	0
Inyo	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Kern	525	33	46	96	239	177	3
Kings	254	15	0	6	22	7	15
Lake	17	0	0	11	31	13	0
Lassen	2	0	0	0	1	3	0
Los Angeles	2,571	176	0	4,350	23	1,768	0
Madera	8	22	0	31	41	5	0
Marin	2	2	0	20	22	13	3
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	2	0	38	2	8	11
Merced	117	64	0	70	122	4	0
Modoc	9	0	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	63	3	0	3	0	20	1
Napa	4	6	0	3	7	16	0
Nevada	10	1	0	8	2	1	0
Orange	1,118	76	19	193	464	55	40
Placer	17	15	0	5	14	3	0
Plumas	10	0	0	21	4	17	0
Riverside	5,830	114	0	229	1	0	1
Sacramento	401	43	0	140	112	10	630
San Benito	7	9	0	6	7	0	4
San Bernardino	337	95	8	252	340	240	0
San Diego	1,250	70	117	770	99	89	0
San Francisco	194	152	0	180	238	2	1
San Joaquin	99	46	0	3	12	10	1
San Luis Obispo	46	13	0	20	58	7	9
San Mateo	35	7	0	43	45	10	0
Santa Barbara	24	20	0	42	23	13	0
Santa Clara	60	93	0	115	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	212	14	0	34	18	0	0
Shasta	135	19	0	8	8	83	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	49	0	0	43	43	79	0
Solano	406	71	0	92	4	54	37
Sonoma	94	7	28	140	31	58	24
Stanislaus	96	53	43	506	128	42	0
Sutter	103	6	0	21	16	46	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	10	0	0	6	3	12	0
Tulare	338	32	0	113	0	2	40
Tuolumne	56	2	0	13	20	7	0
Ventura	92	19	0	0	0	0	20
Yolo	66	32	0	17	25	66	0
Yuba	128	47	0	80	31	27	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January - March 2000

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,906	6,300	1,671	260
Alameda	367	502	275	11
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	4	0	0
Butte	29	150	8	0
Calaveras	0	7	0	0
Colusa	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	26	79	27	7
Del Norte	0	30	0	0
El Dorado	5	5	5	0
Fresno	121	202	112	1
Glenn	5	5	5	0
Humboldt	18	20	14	0
Imperial	6	43	14	7
Inyo	4	6	4	1
Kern	33	133	56	11
Kings	15	36	7	1
Lake	0	168	1	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	176	722	204	11
Madera	22	22	7	15
Marin	2	3	2	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	2	37	0	0
Merced	64	512	48	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	3	25	3	1
Napa	6	53	7	0
Nevada	1	1	0	0
Orange	79	106	56	2
Placer	15	167	12	0
Plumas	0	12	0	0
Riverside	101	116	109	1
Sacramento	43	291	38	2
San Benito	7	9	2	5
San Bernardino	95	568	128	0
San Diego	62	643	119	0
San Francisco	152	287	5	149
San Joaquin	46	69	23	10
San Luis Obispo	13	13	13	0
San Mateo	7	40	6	0
Santa Barbara	21	21	19	2
Santa Clara	93	466	74	0
Santa Cruz	14	14	14	0
Shasta	19	31	20	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	71	357	59	2
Sonoma	9	29	16	2
Stanislaus	53	53	53	0
Sutter	3	3	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	32	48	22	1
Tuolumne	2	10	1	0
Ventura	23	59	41	2
Yolo	31	31	31	0
Yuba	8	86	7	14

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2000 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2000's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2000

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,395	162	276	177	192	1	54	79
Alameda	189	0	189	0	96	0	11	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	5	0	0	12	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Contra Costa	33	0	0	32	2	0	9	60
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Fresno	66	2	0	0	4	0	0	0
Glenn	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	43	0	0	0	2	0	1	11
Kings	11	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Lake	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	127	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Madera	16	0	15	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Merced	41	0	0	0	5	0	2	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0
Napa	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Orange	110	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	8	11	0	0	0	2
Plumas	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	105	0	0	107	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	47	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Benito	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	90	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Diego	127	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
San Francisco	6	142	0	0	2	0	7	0
San Joaquin	38	2	0	1	3	0	10	0
San Luis Obispo	7	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	19	6	5	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	18	0	0	0	10	0	3	0
Shasta	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	20	0	0	0	5	0	2	2
Sonoma	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	44	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sutter	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	37	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	14	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
Yolo	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	5	0	48	8	8	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
January - March 2000

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$9,069,123	\$1,479,718
Alameda	1,088,580	32,409
Alpine	0	200
Amador	0	60
Butte	24,997	5,362
Calaveras	2,395	529
Colusa	932	460
Contra Costa	136,679	28,564
Del Norte	7,145	6,185
El Dorado	14,537	14,561
Fresno	191,855	36,772
Glenn	14,976	9,292
Humboldt	30,842	6,516
Imperial	3,867	0
Inyo	10,485	1,193
Kern	233,842	87,526
Kings	48,775	44,672
Lake	6,338	2,246
Lassen	2,389	1,940
Los Angeles	4,150,588	27,364
Madera	43,820	25,367
Marin	11,812	10,885
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	28,514	7,442
Merced	63,838	5,846
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	4,233	27,436
Napa	10,585	2,702
Nevada	8,404	5,521
Orange	287,905	55,283
Placer	9,129	34,117
Plumas	2,266	1,596
Riverside	212,738	46,858
Sacramento	264,445	166,232
San Benito	8,082	21,833
San Bernardino	278,023	145,574
San Diego	496,017	44,267
San Francisco	174,057	126,794
San Joaquin	68,812	19,862
San Luis Obispo	43,247	1,629
San Mateo	41,495	3,882
Santa Barbara	19,879	28,400
Santa Clara	183,639	70,282
Santa Cruz	25,820	12,375
Shasta	15,736	7,096
Sierra	678	149
Siskiyou	5,478	4,410
Solano	166,858	70,082
Sonoma	32,508	28,654
Stanislaus	395,057	78,955
Sutter	11,310	2,083
Tehama	0	3,911
Trinity	687	1,046
Tulare	96,396	0
Tuolumne	7,522	2,056
Ventura	0	49,229
Yolo	47,323	29,569
Yuba	33,588	32,444